(b) if so, whether Government are aware that this bad quality of coal has affected production of electricity, particularly in Haryana; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) As per information received from Coal India Ltd., coal is being supplied to Thermal Power Stations, factories etc. according to quality requirements suiting to the boiler or burning equipments as per declared grade. However, due to increasing production from open cast mines, there have been some complaints from power houses regarding supply of oversized coal and also presence of extrancous material in coal.

(c) Coal Companies are taking following steps to minimise the content of stone, shale etc. in coal sent to the consumers :—

(i) Action Plan for installation of feeder breakers and coal handling plants has been taken up to ensure that sized coal is supplied to the consumers.

(ii) Segregation of stones at the time of loading of coal.

(iii) Slow moving picking belts are provided in coal handling plants for picking up of shale and stone pieces.

(iv) Ensuring better supervision at the time of loading to maintain quality of coal and developing quality conciousness among workers, supervisors and executives engaged at Railway siding.

Pak Plan to Change the line of Control

997. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express on 21st September, 1992, under the caption "Timely action foiled Pak bid in Siachen", stating that the Pak Plan for a major offensive at Siachen Glacier with an obvious motive to change the line of control into the pre-1972 cease-fire line was thwarted due to timely decision and action by local commander at Bahadur Complex (Siachen Glacier);

(b) if so, what is the official version about the Pak designs indicating therewith the casualtics on both sides and Government's response thereto; and

(c) what further steps have since been taken to ensure effective security of the Line of Control especially in the vulnerable sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) Between 28th July and 2nd August, 1992 Pakistan attempted to disturb the *status quo* along the Actual Ground Position Line in the Siachen Glacier area and occupy the ridge line held by our troops. Our forces responded appropriately and thwarted the Pak attempt. Indian troops suffered one casualty; Pakistan is reported to have suffered heavy casualties. Our troops are adequately deployed to protect the inviolability of the Line of Control and our Borders.

Setting up of Sainik School in Arunachal Pradesh

998. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to set up a Sainik School in the state; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) and (b) A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure on the School has to be borne by it. At present, the Ministry of Defence do not have under their consideration any concrete proposal from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for opening a Sainik School.